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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FACULTY SENATE  
CURRICULAR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

*Minutes of the fourth meeting of the 2016-2017 academic year*

**I.** The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2016 in Library Conference Room A, Faculty Senate Chair Sullivan presiding.

The following members were present: Professors Cardany, English, Izenstark, King, McClure, Opaluch, Stout, Swaszek, Vice Provost Beauvais, Director Goldsmith, and Mr. John Rooney. Ms. Neff, Faculty Senate Office, was also in attendance.

The following members were absent: Professors Dorado, Ferguson, and Gordon.

Faculty Senate Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

**II.** The Minutes of Meeting #3, November 21, 2016 were not available at the time of the meeting.

**III. OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairperson Sullivan made a motion to hold on the old business, changes to HDF 310, until such time as the chair of the HDF department arrived. The motion was seconded and approved.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. NEW COURSES:**

The Committee reviewed the new course proposal for **HIS 350, Documenting Rhode Island**. The proposal was approved. The proposal will be forwarded to the General Education Committee for acceptance as a general education course.

The Committee discussed the proposal for **MUS 470, Special Topics in Music**. The course was approved and will be forwarded to the Graduate Council.

A proposal for **OCG 250, Global Ocean Data Science Analysis and Visualization** was presented to the committee. After discussion, the Committee voted to approve this course. The proposal will be forwarded to the General Education Committee for acceptance as a general education course.

A motion was made to consider all new course proposals for NUR courses together. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Committee considered and discussed the proposals for **NUR 313, Care of Adults with Acute and Chronic Illnesses; NUR 314, Practicum: Adults with Acute and Chronic Illnesses; NUR 353, Family Health Nursing; NUR 354, Practicum: Family Health Nursing; NUR 363, Contemporary Issues** (the committee found a typo on the syllabus, Pat Stout volunteered to follow up); **NUR 415, Transition to Professional Nursing Practice; NUR 413, Care of Adults with Complex Illnesses; and NUR 417, Clinical Immersion.** All courses were approved.

With the arrival of the chair of the Human Development and Family Studies, the Committee returned to the “old business” portion of the agenda.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

Chair Karen McCurdy addressed the committee regarding the proposal to change the credits, description, and prerequisites for **HDF 310, Adolescent Growth and Development.** She explained that the observation/participation component is 3 hours per week starting the first week of class. The department sets up the placements for students unless they already have one that has been departmentally approved. On the rare occasion that placement has not been made, accommodations will be made for that individual. In response to an inquiry for the change in credits, she explained that the practicum component was previously a separate 1-credit course and with the change to 4 credits that would not be necessary.

The Committee voted and approved the changes to **HDF 310, Adolescent Growth and Development.**

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **B. COURSE CHANGES:**

The Committee discussed the proposal to change the title and description for CVE 323, Sustainable Solutions for Developing Communities to **CVE 323, Humanitarian Engineering.** The proposal was approved.

The Committee considered the proposal for **NUR 333, Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing,** to change the description and prerequisite. The Committee approved the proposal.

A proposal was presented to the Committee to change the description and prerequisites for **NUR 443, Community/Public Health Nursing** (both the face-to-face and accelerated online versions). After discussion, the proposal was approved.

The Committee reviewed the proposal to change the title and prerequisites for the face-to-face and accelerated online versions of NUR 444, Community/Public Health Nursing Practicum to **NUR 444, Practicum: Community/Public Health Nursing.** The proposal was approved.

A request for a change to the title, description, and prerequisite for NUR 334, Practicum In Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing to **NUR 334, Practicum: Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing,** was proposed. After discussion the Committee approved the changes.

The Committee considered the proposal to change the title, description, prerequisite, and method of

instruction for PHP 405, Epidemiology in Health Care, to **PHP 405, Fundamentals of Epidemiology**. The proposal was approved and will be forwarded to the General Education Committee.

A motion was made to consider the proposals changing credits and descriptions for ELE 212 and 215 together. The motion was approved.

The Committee approved the proposals to change credits and descriptions for **ELE 212, Linear Circuit Theory** and **ELE 215, Linear Circuits Laboratory**.

The Committee reviewed the proposal to change the credits and description for **TMD 342, Fashion Study Tour**. Ms. Neff informed the Committee that the Faculty Senate Office had contacted the course proposer and had inquired about the maximum number of times that the course could be repeated. Per Professor Welters, the course description was changed to “May be repeated, up to 6 credits, with different destinations.” With this amendment to the description, the course was approved.

Two items under the category of Consent Items required discussion; therefore they were considered as “Course Changes.”

Proposals to change the prerequisites for **COM 316A, Rhetorical Criticism** and **COM 316B, Television Criticism**, were discussed by the Committee. The Committee requested clarification of the “may not be repeated” statement; Kevin McClure Chair of Communication Studies, informed the committee that the intent was that students may not take both COM 316A and COM 316B. The Committee approved the courses contingent upon the clarification of the statement. (See post-script)

### **C. CONSENT ITEMS:**

The proposals from the Nursing to delete the following courses, were approved:

**NUR 323, Medical-Surgical Nursing**  
**NUR 324, Medical-Surgical Nursing Practicum**  
**NUR 343, Nursing in Childbearing and Reproductive Health**  
**NUR 344, Practicum In Childbearing And Reproductive Health Nursing**  
**NUR 433, Nursing of Children**  
**NUR 434, Practicum in Nursing of Children**  
**NUR 463, Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing**  
**NUR 464, Practicum in Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing**  
**NUR 474, Leadership in Contemporary Nursing Practice**

### **D. ONLINE COURSES:**

The Committee discussed the proposal for **HDF 318G, Health and Wealth** for the online accelerated programs. The proposal was approved.

The Committee reviewed and approved a proposal to add online offerings for **HLT 200, Interdisciplinary Approaches to Health**.

## **E. PROGRAM CHANGES:**

### **a) College of Arts and Sciences:**

The Committee considered the proposal for the creation of a new **Japanese minor**. Vice Provost Beauvais told the Committee that as this minor was not interdisciplinary, it would not need approval of the Council for Postsecondary Education provided that a detailed rationale was included with the proposal. The Committee approved the proposal.

The Committee reviewed the proposal to change the requirements for the **Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art**. The proposal was approved.

The proposal to changes to the **Hunger Studies minor** was considered. The Committee found newly added courses lacked all of the cross-listings, incorrect course numbers, and two departmental letters were missing. The Faculty Senate offered to contract the proposer. The proposal was tabled until the January meeting.

### **b) College of Nursing:**

The Committee discussed changes to the **Nursing Bachelor of Science** degree. The proposal was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Lawrence

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**POST-SCRIPT (Update after the 12/12/16 meeting)**

1) The Faculty Senate Office in conjunction with the department chair, revised the statement to read:  
“May not be repeated as COM 316A or 316B.”